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SUBJ: COMMITTEE OF 24 APPEAL FOR HELP TO CHOLERA VICTIMS
IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OPI PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING APRIL 4
APPEAL BY COMMITTEE OF 24 FOR ASSISTANCE TO REPORTED CHOLERA
VICTIMS IN ZIMBABWE (SOUTHERN RHODESIA):

"IN A STATEMENT ISSUED ON 4 APRIL 1974, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
DREW ATTENTION TO THE REPORT BY THE NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS OF ZIMBABWE CONCERNING A SERIOUS CHOLERA EPIDEMIC
IN THE NORTH-EASTERN AND EASTERN REGIONS OF THE TERRITORY.
HAVING REGARD TO THE MOST PRESSING NEED TO ARREST THE
FURTHER SPREADING OF THE EPIDEMIC, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ADDRESSED AN URGENT APPEAL TO ALL GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL
GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL
AS NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, TO RENDER
ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE CONCERNED THROUGH
THEIR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

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IT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION

RECEIVED FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) IN THIS CONNECTION,WHO HEADQUARTERS AT GENEVA HAD AIR-FREIGHTED 352,000 DOSES OF CHOLERA VACCINE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AT DAR ES SALAAM FOR DELIVERY TO THE ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION (ZANU) AND THE FRENTE DE LIBERTACAO DE MOCAMBIQUE (FRELIMO). THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE VACCINE, VALUED AT \$10,000, HAD BEEN PROVIDED FREE TO CHARGE AND THAT THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO MEET THE COST OF THE AIR-FREIGHT, AMOUNTING APPROXIMATELY TO \$3,000, IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT IN ADDITION TO THE CHOLERA VACCINE, WHO IS PROVIDING 230,000 CAPSULES OF TETRACYCLINE AND 2,000 LITRES OF REHYDRATION FLUID IN THIS CONNEXION.

IN NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE POSITIVE ACTION TAKEN BY WHO AND EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION OF THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS IN THIS REGARD, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REITERATES ITS APPEAL TO ALL CONCERNED TO EXTEND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE SUFFERING PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE."

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